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1. RADIO OMDURMAN ANNOUNCED MORNING JULY 30 THE 2:00 A.M. ARRIVAL IN KHARTOUM OF LIBYAN MINLAB ABDEL ATTI AL-OBEIDI, WHO REPORTEDLY CARRIED MESSAGE FROM GOL CONCERNING SUDAN/LIBYAN RELATIONS. HE MET AT AIRPORT BY GOS MINLABOR ABDURAHMAN ABDULLA AND MINSTRANSPORT ABADI. AL-OBEIDI'S ARRIVAL CONFIRMS RECENT RUMORS HERE THAT SOME FORM LIBYA-SUDAN RAPPROCHEMENT IS IN THE OFFING.

2. RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO HAD REACHED APPARENT NADIR LAST MONTH WITH NIMEIRIS REVELATION OF ANOTHER LIBYAN PLOT AGAINST THE SUDAN (REFTEL). HOWEVER, RASHID AL TAHER, SPEAKER OF THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY AND EX-AMBASSADOR TO LIBYA RHFEPORTEDELY HAS BEEN HAVING PRIVATE CONTACTS, SPECIFICALLY WITH LIBYAN CHARGE', AIMED AT RESTORING BETTER SUDAN/LIBYAN RELATIONS. THE LIBYAN CHARGE' LAST WEEK PAID COURTESY CALL ON RASHID, CONGRATULATING HIM ON ELECTION AS ASSEMBLY SPEAKER.
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3. NONETHELESS, SUDAN SECURITY POLICE CONTINUE TO
MAINTAIN OSTENTATIOUS SURVEILLANCE OF LIBYAN EMBASSY
AND DIPLOMATS, AND PATH TO IMPROVED RELATIONS LIKELY
TO BE LONG AND DIFFICULT DUE DEEP-SEATED AND WELL-
PUBLICIZED ENMITIES BETWEEN SUDAN AND LIBYA.
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